Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—How is it in British India?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—There are some authorities who collect it in British India. There have been some instances of non-collection.

Dr. A. R. Menon:—Can you not be a little more generous in this matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—It would have been most generous in a sense not to collect any tax at all. But nobody has yet argued that it is not generous to levy Income-tax.

Dr. A. R. Menon:—If there is any doubt why can't you give the benefit of doubt to the public?

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—In view of the recent judgment of the Chief Court will the Government be pleased to call the explanation of the officer who interpreted the law?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—He has not done anything wrong.

Dr. A. R. Menon:—May I know from the Law Member whether this item is charged in Travancore?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—I may say for the information of the House if there is any slightest authority in that way our people who are so industrious, would have found it out. So in the absence of it, it must be thought that there is none.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—Such taxes were collected in British Malabar. I have the report of the Income-Tax Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—I may say that if it was not collected in Travancore or any other place the learned advocate who argued the case in the Chief Court for the party would have pointed it out as one argument. The entire omission of it shows it must have been collected in Travancore.

Motion put and lost.

(25) Appointment of a Commission to enquire into the Grievances of the Paliam Tenants.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—സർ, പാലിയം എസ്റ്റേറ്റ്സ് ഗവൺമെന്റിലേയ്ക്കെടുക്കുവാൻ പാലിയത്തുനിന്നും ഗവൺമെന്റിനോടപേക്ഷിയ്ക്കുകയും ഗവൺമെന്റു മിക്കവാറും അതു സമ്മതിയ്ക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഇതേവരെ ഗവൺമെന്റു് ഈ സംഗതിയെക്കുറിച്ചു് ഒരക്ഷരവും പുറത്തുമിണ്ടീട്ടില്ല; കുടിയാന്മാരുടെ അഭിപ്രായവുംകൂടി ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ ഗവൺമെന്റു് അപേക്ഷിച്ചറിയേണ്ടതാണു്.

Mr. M. A. Chakko:—I second it.

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മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ.—പാലിയത്തുനിന്നുള്ള ഭൂമികൾ ഗവ ൺമെൻറ് ഏറ്റെടുത്തതണമെന്നല്ലാതെ വേറെ വല്ലതും വ്യവസ്ഥകളുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyutha Menon:—For assumption of Management by the Government.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ.—ഗവൺമെൻറിൻെറ മാനേജ്മെൻറിൽ നടത്തുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഗവൺമെൻറിന് ഇഷ്ടമുള്ള സംഗതികൾ നടത്താമോ ?

Mr. K. Achyutha Menon:—It will be too early to say how the amounts will be collected. The question is under consideration.

Mr. M. A. Chakko:—Before you come to any definite conclusion will the tenants also be consulted so that their views may also be known to you.

Mr. K. Achyutha Menon:—Their petitions are also before the Government. Their main complaint is that the prestige of the Paliam will be affected while the Paliam itself has requested for the assumption.

Mr. M. A. Chakko:—There are some persons who do not know anything in this matter because it is not published in the Gazette or given any other way of publication. Therefore it will be better if their opinion is also taken before a decision is arrived at.

Mr. K. Achyutha Menon:—Such steps as are necessary under law for an assumption of management will be taken.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ:—ഞാൻ ഇതു പ്രസ്സു ചെയ്യുന്നില്ല.

Motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

The House rose for the day at 5 p. m.

C. J. MATHEW,

Secretary to the Council.

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